

Confirmed minutes



Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 48
Tuesday 6 December 2022
5.30pm

Council Chamber

Present

Lord Mayor Sally Capp (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Rohan Leppert

Apologies

Councillor Jason Chang
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Kevin Louey

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On Tuesday 7 February 2023

C o n f i r m e d m i n u t e s

1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting and noted that due to a technical issue in the Town Hall Commons, the meeting was instead being held in the Council Chamber.

The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that an audio and video recording would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday 7 December 2022, however as a result of the technical issues there would be no Zoom participation, and noted that submitters who had intended to use Zoom would have statements read on their behalf by an officer.

The Lord Mayor noted that the agenda comprises:

- eight reports from management
- two items of general business.

Apologies for the meeting were received from Councillors Chang, Le Liu, and Louey.

Councillor and Staff Acknowledgements

Prior to commencing formal proceedings the Lord Mayor acknowledged the following awards and milestones:

- Linda Weatherson, General Manager Community and City Services who is finishing at the City of Melbourne after 35 years of service;
- Cr Le Liu on being named a Melbourne Asia Game Changer Award by RMIT and the Asia Society Australia in recognition of his positive contribution to Australia's relationship with Asia;
- Katrina McKenzie, General Manager of City Economy and Activation on being inducted as a Fellow to IPAA Victoria in recognition of her outstanding contribution to public administration and exemplary service to the Victorian community;
- Jocelyn Chiew, Director of City Design, on being made a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects;
- The 300+ Red Coat volunteers for winning the 2022 VTIC Tourism Volunteer Award for making the city so welcoming and easy to navigate. Melbourne was just awarded the mantle of Friendliest City in the World which the Red Coat volunteers play a big part in Melbourne's friendliness.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Lord Mayor advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Griffiths

That the minutes of meeting No 47, held on Tuesday 22 November 2022, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Campbell

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Leppert.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

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5. Public questions

The Lord Mayor advised that there were two written public questions received prior to the meeting.

Public response to Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: LGBTIQ+ Programs

Daisy Brenecki submitted the following written question:

Will Council make publicly available the initial briefing paper provided to Councillors in July 2022 addressing the questions arising from the notice of motion at agenda item 7.1 of the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on 15 March 2022 and the response to the notice of motion provided to Councillors in September or October 2022 in the interests of public transparency?

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead thanked Daisy for the question and read the following response provided by Marnie Williams, Director People, Culture and Leadership:

City of Melbourne is committed to public transparency and will publish a response addressing the questions arising from the Notice of Motion relating to item 7.1 of the Future Melbourne Committee meeting 15 March 2022. The response will be published on City of Melbourne's website by 31 Dec 2022 and will include an update on LGBTIQ+ inclusion in the workplace, the ways we publically demonstrate our support for LGBTIQ+ community priorities, activities that support inclusion in Council services, and how we ensure that LGBTIQ+ community are consulted in planning. We will send you a link to the website once published.

Tram kerbing on Spring Street impacting Throssell Lane

Sydney Low submitted the following written question:

In September, tram separation kerbs were installed in Spring Street. One section of kerb changed the traffic conditions because its location blocks the ability to do a right-hand-turn from Throssell Lane into Spring Street which was possible previously.

Yarra Trams advised via email that no public consultation regarding the blocking-kerbing was undertaken prior to the installation of the blocking-kerbing.

There is a "Duty to consult members of the public" under paragraph 10, Schedule 7 of the Road Management Act 2004 for an "infrastructure manager or works manager". Sub-paragraph 10(2) of this schedule requires them to "conduct appropriate consultation with the persons likely to be significantly affected" by the installation of non-road infrastructure or related works.

As a resident of Spring Street I, and all other residents are significantly affected. Moreover, hundreds of occupiers of 1, 17, and 31 Spring Street are also affected as users of Throssell Lane.

I ask Council:

"As the responsible road authority why did it consent to Yarra Trams installing the blocking-kerbing without any public consultation?"

Further, "Will Council now remove the blocking-kerbing and conduct a proper public consultation if it wishes to install the kerbing?"

The Lord Mayor, City Transport, Infrastructure, and Operations Portfolio Lead thanked Sydney for the question and provided the following response from Craig Stevens, Director City Infrastructure:

Road safety is important to the City of Melbourne and as the coordinating road authority under the Road Management Act we have approved Yarra Trams request for the installation of tram separation kerbing on local roads throughout the central city, including Spring Street.

Yarra Trams consulted residents and businesses who were provided with opportunities to share their feedback before works commenced. It appears that you may not have been aware of the proposed changes to vehicles exiting Throssell Lane outlined during the consultation process. We understand Yarra Trams has contacted you in the last few days to discuss their community engagement approach for this project.

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It is acknowledged that this has impacted the ability to turn right from Throssell Lane on to Spring Street and this may present a minor inconvenience to road users, however, the purpose of the kerbing is to reduce the incidents of trams colliding with vehicles.

The Lord Mayor added that she would be following up on a number of points in the response as she was not aware of the impact on Throssell Lane and will provide a written response to Sydney. The Lord Mayor also noted that Council would ensure that it also gets in touch with Yarra Trams regarding the community consultation for these works.

6. Reports from management

The Lord Mayor advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's Governance Rules.

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Planning Permit Application: TP-2021-620/A 2 North Wharf Road & 938 Collins Street Docklands:**

Requests to speak:

- Lydia Woodgate
- Bill Thompson
- Paul Little
- Becky Monroe.

Items of correspondence:

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| • Jim Griffiths | • Paul Little |
| • Lydia Woodgate | • Becky Monroe |
| • Penny Malcomson | • Jan Tarling |
| • Mark Scholem | • Catherine Whiting |
| • Bill Thompson | • Ross Malcomson |
| • Anthony Headland | • Sin Wong. |

In relation to Agenda item 6.3, **Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2017-5 5-25 Swanston Street Melbourne Melbourne Metro Rail Project Over Site Development (OSD) – CBD South:**

Requests to speak:

- Andrew Milward-Bason, Nicholas Building Association
- Sarah Macklin, Urbis
- Robert Backhouse, Hassell Studio.

Items of correspondence:

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| • Rohan Storey | • Gary Fearon |
| • Sarah Macklin, Urbis | • Tristan Davies, Melbourne Heritage Action |
| • Robert Backhouse, Hassell Studio | • Andrew Milward-Bason, Nicholas Building Association. |
| • Sandra Willers | |
| • Mellissa Rymer | |

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, **Road Naming Application: RN-2021-210-36 Haines Street, 2-54 Hardwicke Street, 1-49 Molesworth Street, and 175-183 Curzon Street, North Melbourne:**

Items of correspondence:

- Kaye Oddie
- Jenny Beacham

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In relation to Agenda item 6.6, **Greenline Birrarung Marr Precinct Site 1 Concept Design and Engagement Outcomes:**

Request to speak:

- Martin Dixon.

Item of Correspondence:

- Martin Dixon.

In relation to Agenda item 7.1, **Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Road Naming Policy::**

Request to speak:

- Chris Thrum

Items of correspondence:

- Gary Bateman
- Kerry Wilson
- Chris Thrum.

In relation to Agenda item 7.2, **Notice of Motion, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece: Melbourne's Statues:**

Request to speak:

- Clare Wright.

Items of Correspondence:

- Kerry Wilson
- Clare Wright.

City Planning Portfolio

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider four reports from management in relation to the City Planning Portfolio.

6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2021-620/A 2 North Wharf Road & 938 Collins Street Docklands

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of an application to amend existing Planning Permit TP-2021-620. The application seeks to amend the permit to allow for Sunday trading and other changes to the hours of operation.

- Paul Little, Planning & Property Partners addressed the Committee.

The Director Governance, Michael Tonta, read statements on behalf of the people who had requested to address the committee via Zoom:

- Bill Thompson
- Becky Monroe.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue an Amended Planning Permit subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Leppert.

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6.2 Planning Permit Application: TP-2019-835/B 364-370 Albert Street, East Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of planning permit amendment application TP-2019-835/B for 364-370 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue an Amended Planning Permit subject to the additional conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 – Delegate Report).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Leppert.

The Lord Mayor assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2017-5 5-25 Swanston Street Melbourne Melbourne Metro Rail Project Over Site Development (OSD) – CBD South

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of the submission of documents to satisfy the approved Metro Tunnel: Over Site Development (OSD) – CBD South Incorporated Document (ID-2017-5) (the ID). The ID provides a framework to facilitate the demolition and removal of buildings and works (including bulk excavation) and the development and use of the land for the purpose of the OSD above the CBD South metro station.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp declared a material conflict of interest in this matter as she received a donation in the 2018 election campaign from a party affected in this matter, and left the meeting at 6.34pm prior to discussion taking place.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Andrew Milward-Bason, Nicholas Building Association
- Sarah Macklin, Urbis
- Robert Backhouse, Hassell Studio.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning that the submission of documents to comply with Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C316 (Metro Tunnel: Over Site Development – CBD South Incorporated Document) is supported subject to the recommendations as outlined in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 5 of the report from management).

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Leppert.

Cr Doidge left the meeting at 7.01pm.

The Lord Mayor returned to the meeting at 7.02pm.

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6.4 Road Naming Application: RN-2021-2 10-36 Haines Street, 2-54 Hardwicke Street, 1-49 Molesworth Street, and 175-183 Curzon Street, North Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of a Road Naming application seeking approval to name a new road to be vested to Council as 'Kirner Street'.

Cr Doidge returned to the meeting at 7.04pm.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *names the new road to be created as part of the works on the site located at 10-36 Haines Street, 2-54 Hardwicke Street, 1-49 Molesworth Street, and 175-183 Curzon Street, North Melbourne, as Kirner Street*
 - 1.2. *notes the name will come into effect on publication in the Victorian Government Gazette by the Registrar of Geographic Names and will then be registered in VICNAMES (the State's formal place naming register).*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Leppert.

6.5 Evaluation of the Free Period Care Pilot Program

The purpose of this report was to present the findings arising from the evaluation of the Free Period Care Pilot Program (Pilot Program).

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the findings of the evaluation (Attachment 2 of the report from management) and approves the continuation of the free period care product program in existing Council owned facilities until 30 June 2023.*
 - 1.2. *Endorses working with Victorian Government to actively share findings from the City of Melbourne Free Period Care Pilot Program and explore opportunities to accelerate the roll out of free period products in public places within the municipality.*

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Leppert.

6.6 Greenline Birrarung Marr Precinct Site 1 Concept Design and Engagement Outcomes

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the Greenline Birrarung Marr Precinct Site 1 Concept Design (the Site 1 Project) updated to incorporate the outcomes of public consultation and stakeholder engagement.

The Director Governance, Michael Tonta, read a statement on behalf of Martin Dixon, Director, Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network who had requested to address the committee via Zoom.

Cr Leppert left the meeting at 7.20pm and returned at 7.23pm.

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Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Endorses the Greenline Birrarung Marr Precinct Site 1 Concept Design (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management)*
 - 1.2. *Notes the Engagement Findings Report The Greenline Project Phase 1 (refer Attachment 3 of the report from management)*
 - 1.3. *Notes that the endorsed Greenline Birrarung Marr Precinct Site 1 Concept Design will be the subject of design development, the preparation of detailed design documentation, a detailed cost plan and program targeting commencement of construction works associated with this transformational project in 2023, conditional upon statutory and project approvals.*
 - 1.4. *Notes that a Partnership and Funding Plan for the Greenline Project is in development, and future projects will require Committee endorsement.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Leppert.

6.7 Power Melbourne – Findings from community consultation

The purpose of this report was to present the findings from phase 1 of community consultation on the Power Melbourne project relating to Council Plan Major Initiative 34, and seek Future Melbourne Committee's endorsement to progress development of neighbourhood batteries at five Council-owned sites.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the high level of community support for neighbourhood batteries expressed by respondents to the Power Melbourne survey (Attachment 2 of the report from management).*
 - 1.2. *Endorses management to progress development of the Power Melbourne battery network at Library at the Dock, Boyd Community Hub, Council House 2, Queen Victoria Market, and Kensington Recreation Centre.*
 - 1.3. *Notes that Phase 2 community consultation on Power Melbourne will commence in early 2023 to identify future battery host sites in consultation with the community.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Leppert.

6.8 Bi-annual report to Council on the activities of the M9 group of Councils

The purpose of this report was to provide a bi-annual update to Councillors on M9 advocacy as resolved by Council on 25 May 2021.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes M9's progress over the last six months.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Leppert.

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7. General business

There were two items of general business for consideration.

7.1 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Road Naming Policy

- Chris Thrum addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee requests that management draft a Road Naming Policy for public consultation and consideration by Council in 2023, and in the process consider:*
 - 1.1. *A proactive Council approach to naming that increases community engagement especially for significant proposals;*
 - 1.2. *Enshrining current practice to prioritise Aboriginal language names and the recognition of historically significant women;*
 - 1.3. *The formal role of Traditional Owners in proposing names for new streets;*
 - 1.4. *Codifying public engagement standards, including methods of engagement that seek earlier ideas for and feedback on potential names prior to formally testing levels of community support;*
 - 1.5. *When and how engagement with land owners in precincts should be initiated, ahead of subdivision and road naming processes; and*
 - 1.6. *Whether the Policy should also take in the naming of places beyond roads.*

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Leppert.

7.2 Notice of Motion, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece: Melbourne's Statues

- Claire Wright addressed the Committee.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Affirms its support for equality of gender, First Nations and cultural diversity within the City of Melbourne's public art program as enshrined in Council's Public Art Framework 2021-31, Creative Strategy 2018 and Plaques and Memorials policy 2016.*
 - 1.2. *Notes that only nine (9) of the 580 statues within the municipality depict women and that five (5) of the 25 statues on City of Melbourne land depict women. The underrepresentation of women in statues requires action in both public and private spaces.*
 - 1.3. *Notes that City of Melbourne's Public Art Framework 2021-31 sets the standard for best practice in public art, and is a place-based, artist led commissioning process. Contemporary artistic practice leans away from figurative statues and therefore commission outcomes of figurative statues depicting women are less likely to occur.*
 - 1.4. *Notes that the City of Melbourne's public art opportunities are governed and approved by the City of Melbourne's Independent Public Art Advisory Panel under the terms of the Public Art Framework 2021-31 and the Plaques and Memorials policy 2016.*

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- 1.5. *Requests the Public Art Advisory Panel, when providing advice to council on the development, presentation and promotion of public art activities and the Plaques and Memorials committee, when assessing applications from individuals and groups wishing to formally recognise significant local people, to consider:*
 - 1.5.1. *identifying new opportunities to commemorate significant women from Melbourne's history.*
 - 1.5.2. *prioritising artistic responses that include the figurative depiction of women when considering the installation of statues and memorials commemorating significant women from Melbourne's history.*
- 1.6. *Requests management:*
 - 1.6.1. *identify new opportunities within City of Melbourne projects, programs and capital works to support increased equality of gender, First Nations and cultural diversity within the public realm, including the installation of statues and art held in storage with reference to the Public Art Framework 2021-31 and the Plaques and Memorials policy 2016.*
 - 1.6.2. *work with stakeholders and community to enable the delivery of at least three new statues depicting women.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim and Leppert.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of urgent business.

9. Public questions

There were no further public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 7 February 2023.



Chair
Future Melbourne Committee